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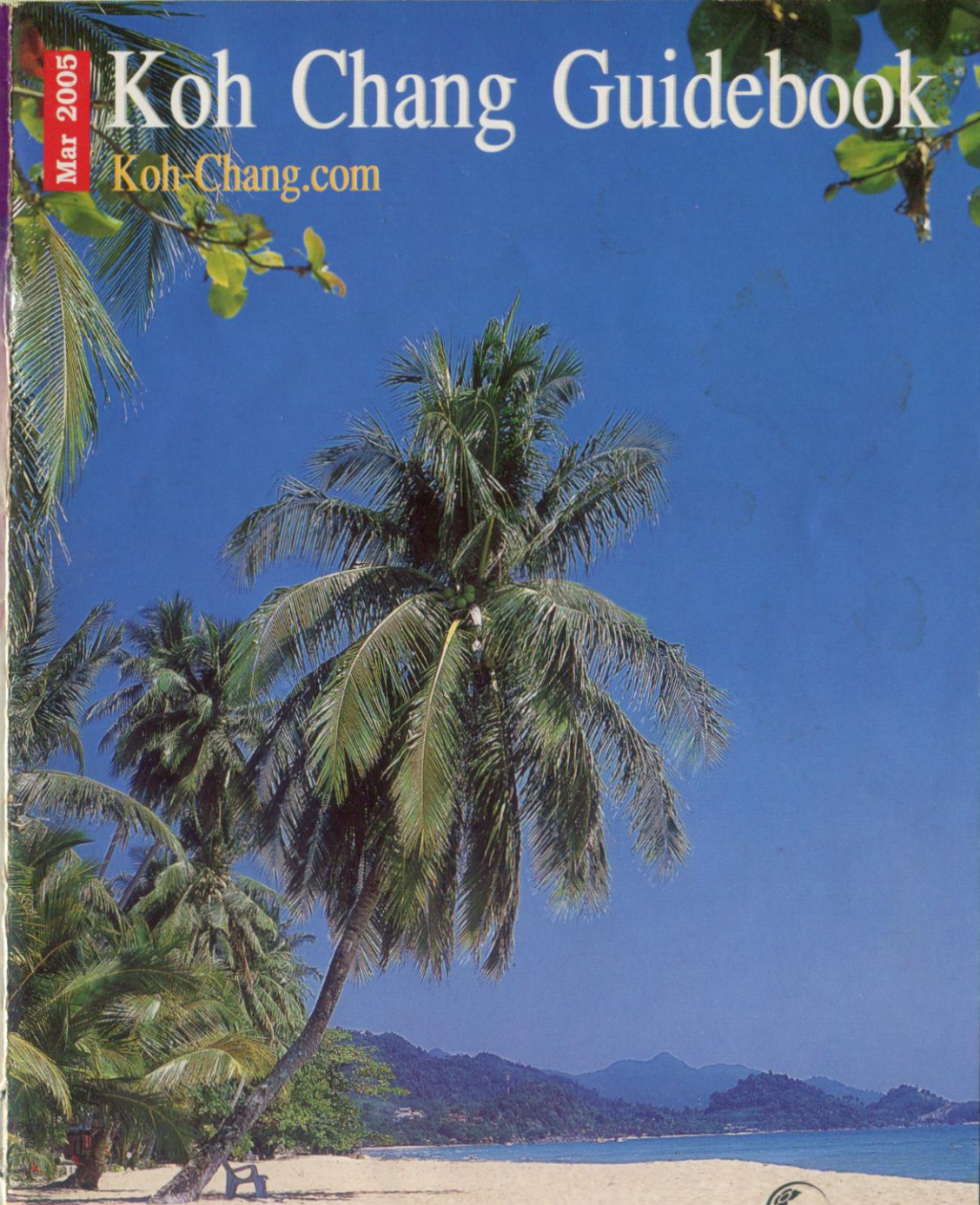


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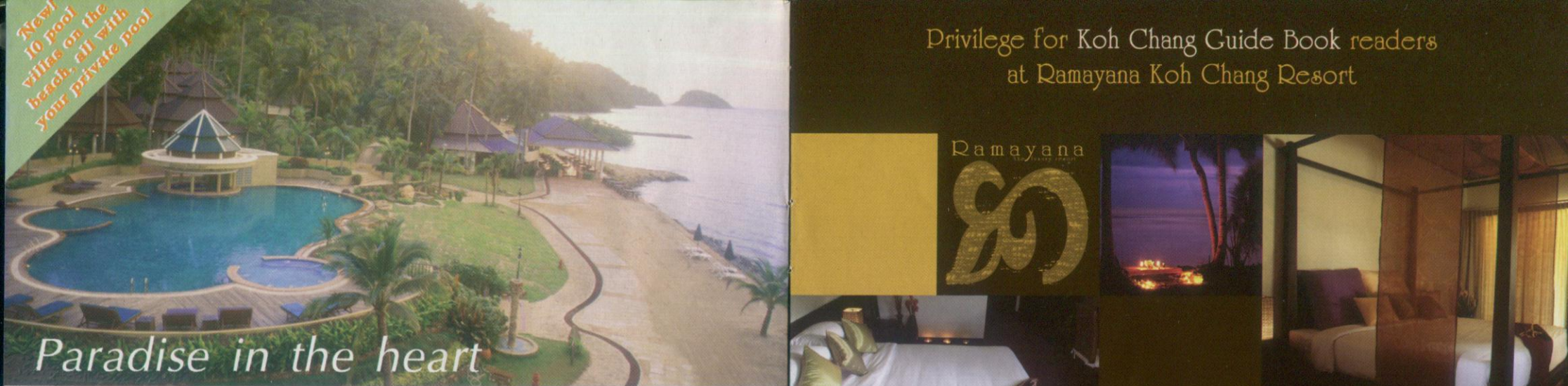
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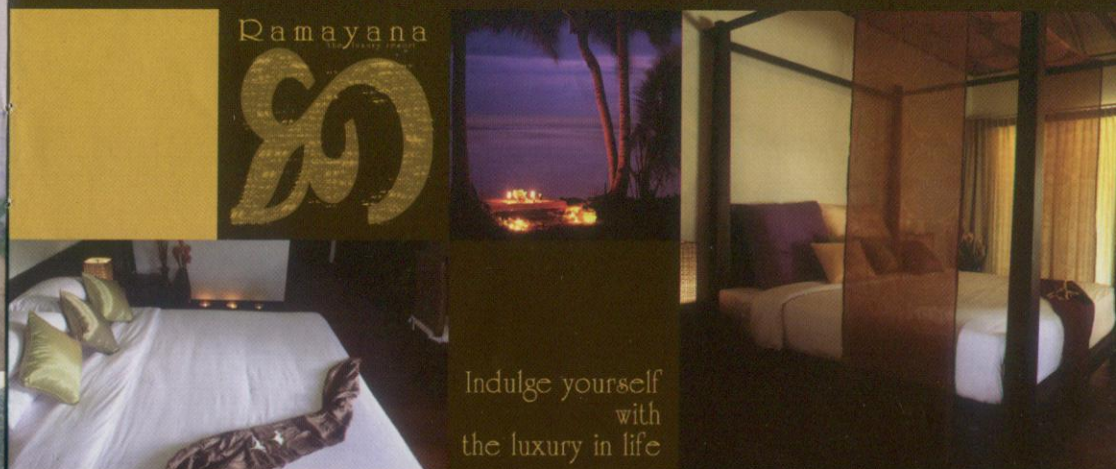
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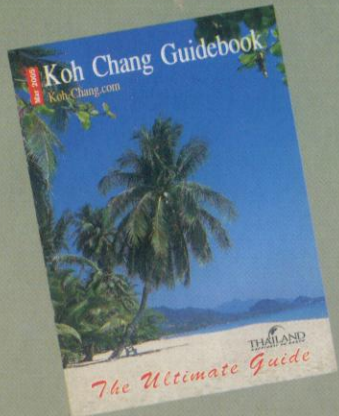


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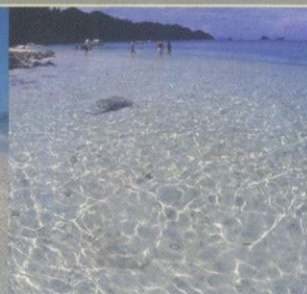
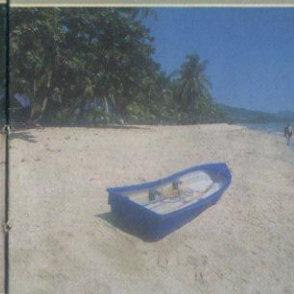
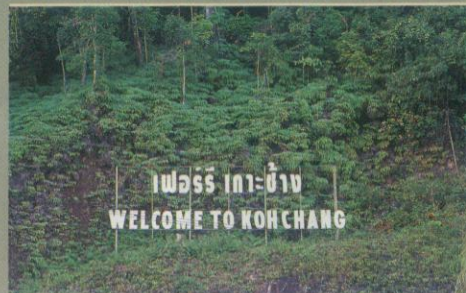
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Cover : Tempting sun-soaked sand on a secluded beach

Only second to Phuket in size, Koh Chang off Trat has increasingly become on a world tourist map. The island of 429 square kilometres, once seemingly lost in time, was recently awakened when it was decided to be developed as a new environmentally-sound world-class tourist destination.

Koh Chang was in 2003 given a special administration status facilitating a less bureaucratic management while the government would finance infrastructure like wastewater treatment facilities, garbage treatment sites and piers.

The island has therefore awoken to emerging development projects, mostly new resorts. According to the latest survey by the Trat Tourist Business Association, Koh Chang has 106 resorts that account for some 3,100 rooms.

Some 80% of the island is registered as Koh Chang National Marine Park. It is the largest of the 52 islands under the jurisdiction of Trat. About 5,000 residents live on private lands on the coast around the mountainous island.

The ring road on the island is almost completed. Only a three-kilometre stretch between Bang Bao Village on the west and Rong Than Village on the east is undone as the stretch is in the protected area of the national park.

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In the old days Koh Chang was peaceful and seemingly lost in time. The island was studded with only nondescript accommodation that resembled a makeshift house: Thatched roof and coconut trunk-shelled walls. Visitors were only backpackers and those in search of solitude. Koh Chang could be treated as a castaway island that gave them a complete escape. Today, a kind of escape can be had only with a little more effort.

Those who travelled to Koh Chang over a decade ago can reminisce converted fishing boats carrying them from Laem Ngob pier to beaches on the western side of the island once or twice a day. The ride was long and tedious. At low season, boat access was not much to choose.

Today, it's a far cry from those early years. Access to the island, even in monsoon season, is no longer a big deal thanks to the efficient ferry services.

The name Koh Chang, or Elephant Island, derives from its sheer size—30 kilometres long and 14 kilometres wide. It is situated eight kilometers off Laem Ngob district in Trat.

Koh Chang's coastlines are dotted with lots of gorgeous beaches—some straight as a ruler while some undulated like a wave in action.

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The island is also a wonderland of colourful corals, clear blue water, fascinating wildlife and marine life, high peaks, steep cliffs, scenic waterfalls, lush jungles and undisturbed rainforest.

However, Koh Chang is just the beginning of a journey to the hidden wonders of its fifty-one sister islands. The wonders are waiting for you to explore!

WELCOME !

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PULL-OUT MAP : LEISURE ISLAND RESORTS , KOH KOOD , KOH MAK , RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS & RESORTS

Getting There And away

By Private Car

Trat is accessible by three main routes from Bangkok. Driving takes about four hours. For conveniences and better road surface, use the elevated Bangkok-Chonburi Tollway until its final exit or the Bangkok-Chonburi Motorway and exit for Ban Bung-Klaeng-Chantaburi. There are three routes you can choose:

Route 1 : Bangna-Chonburi-Ban Bung-Klaeng-Chantaburi-Trat. Distance: 315 km.

(a) Take Highway No. 3 (Bangna-Trat Road) until you reach the Chonburi bypass. You can either take the normal road or the new elevated Bangkok-Chonburi Tollway which is right above it. Toll fee is 55 baht.

(b) Exit from the main road, head to the left and follow the Chonburi bypass that reads Pattaya-Rayong.

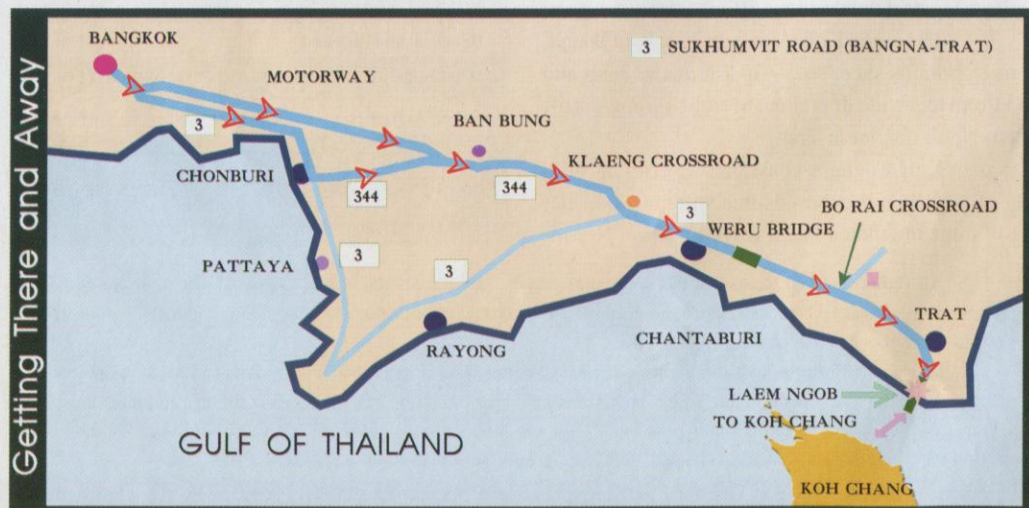
(c) Head for Rayong until you see the Ban Bung-Klaeng-Chantaburi and the Bang Saen-Pattaya signboards.

(d) Take the Ban Bung-Klaeng-Chantaburi route on your left. You are now on Highway No. 344.



(e) Take the right route at Ban Bung-Klaeng junction and head for Klaeng only until you reach the Chantaburi-Rayong junction. Turn left to Chantaburi but do not enter the town which is on your right. This is again Highway No. 3. Go forward until you reach the Sa Kaew-Trat junction.

(f) Take the right turn to the town of Trat.



(g) Alternatively, you can head directly to the three piers without passing through Trat town. Look for the Laem Ngob signboard at the Laem Ngob-Trat junction. Notice there is a PTT petrol station on your left just after a police checkpoint followed by another PTT station exactly one km away. This is the Laem Ngob-Trat junction. Turn right to Laem Ngob. This is Highway No. 3156 (Laem Ngob-Sahn Tung Road). You will reach Ao Thammachat followed by the Centrepont and Krom Luang Chumphon Piers.

Route 2 : (Motorway Route): Rama IX or Srinakarin-Ban Bung-Klaeng-Chantaburi-Trat. The motorway is another alternative. Starting from Rama IX Road or Srinakarin Road, exit after paying the second toll that leads to Ban Bung, Klaeng, Chantaburi and finally Trat. The total toll fee is 60 baht.

Route 3 : Bangna-Chonburi-Rayong-Chantaburi-Trat. Distance 385 km.

This is the other route using Highway No. 3 but takes longer as you need to pass through Chonburi and Rayong provinces.



By Air

Bangkok Airways flies twice daily to Trat. The flight time is 50 minutes. Airport – hotel transfers to Koh Chang is available at 200 to 250 Baht per trip depending on the hotel you stay.



Bangkok Airways	Time	Rates/pax (Baht)
Bangkok to Trat	PG310 (9.00 am-9.50 am)	2,150 Baht/one way 4,250 Baht/roundtrip Excluding 200 Baht provincial tax
	PG316 (3.40 pm-4.30 pm)	
Trat to Bangkok	PG311 (10.20 am-11.10 am)	
	PG317 (5.00 pm-5.50 pm)	



Getting There And away

By Air-Conditioned bus

1) The Ekamai Bus Terminal is the main terminal for the eastern provinces. It is located at the Ekamai section of Sukhumvit Road which is also easily accessible by the BTS Skytrain. Air-conditioned and ordinary buses depart almost every hour as shown in the timetable here. The trip is about 5 hours.

2) The Northern Bus Terminal (New Morchid) is the other route. It is located at New Morchid of Kampaeng Petch Road. Air-conditioned buses depart as shown in the timetable. The trip is also about 5 hours.

TIMETABLE
Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai) - Trat

Air-Conditioned Buses	Tel.	Bangkok-Trat Time (hrs)	Trat-Bangkok Time (hrs)
Cherdchai Tour (First Class Air-con) 42 Seat One way 189 Baht Roundtrip 357 Baht	Bangkok Office : (02) 391-2237 (02) 391-4164 Trat Office : (039) 511-062	06.00, 07.00, 09.30, 11.00 12.30, 14.00, 15.30, 17.30 19.30, 20.30, 22.00, 23.30	07.00, 08.00, 09.00, 10.00, 11.00 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 16.00, 18.00 23.00, 23.30
Suparat Tour (VIP Air - con) 32 Seat One way 189 Baht Roundtrip 359 Baht	Bangkok Office : (02) 391-2331 Trat Office : (01) 820-6838 (039) 511-481	08.30, 10.30, 12.00, 16.40 18.30, 22.30	08.30, 10.30, 11.00, 14.00 17.00, 23.00
Chokanukul Tour (First Class Air - con) 42 Seat One way 189 Baht Roundtrip 357 Baht	Bangkok Office : (02) 392-7680 Trat Office : (039) 511-208	14.00, 23.30	09.30, 23.00
State owned Transport Co.,Ltd (Bor Kor Sor) (Second Class Air - con) One way 147 Baht	Bangkok Office : (02) 391-8097 (02) 391-2504 Trat Office : (039) 511-986	06.00, 07.00, 08.00, 09.00 11.00, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30 17.30, 24.00	06.30, 07.30, 08.30, 09.30, 11.30 13.00, 15.00, 17.00, 23.30

TIMETABLE
Northern Bus Terminal (New Morchid)-Trat

Air-Conditioned Buses	Tel.	Bangkok-Trat Time (hrs)	Trat-Bangkok Time (hrs)
Suparat Tour (First Class Air - con) 57 Seat One way 194 Baht Roundtrip 388 Baht	Bangkok Office : (02)936-3939 Trat Office : (039) 511-481	6.00, 9.30, 12.30, 15.30 18.30, 23.00, 23.30	07.30, 09.30, 12.30, 16.00 23.30

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By Van

There are many vans plying between Bangkok and Laem Ngob. They are found on Khao San Road near the Vieng Tai Hotel, departing at 8:00 a.m. daily and leaving Laem Ngob at 11:00 a.m. daily. The one-way fare is 500 Baht / person depending on the season.

Moving Around Trat

The main transportation in Trat is by Songthaew which literally means two rows. Songthaews are pick-up trucks modified for public transportation. Essentially they have two rows of seats at the back of the truck where passengers sit face to face. They can accommodate up to 8 or 10 people and cost 5 Baht per passenger or 20 to 40 Baht per charter trip. Samlor (Man-pedalled tricycle) costs 10-20 Baht per person. The following serves as a guideline on the route and approximate costs

From Trat	Located at
To Borai 50 Kms (Baht 50)	Front of the Municipal Central Market of Trat
To Laem Ngob 17 Kms (Baht 30)	Robinson Dept Store
To Laem Sok 28 Kms (Baht 40)	Front of the Municipal Central Market of Trat
To Ferry Piers 30 Kms (Baht 30)	Near Trat Inn
To Klong Yai 75 Kms (Baht 70)	Behind the Municipal Central Market
To Had Lek 90 Kms (Baht 110)	In front of the Sri Trat Rama Theatre

From Trat to Koh Chang

THERE ARE 3 PIERS SERVICING KOH CHANG.

All of them are located in the Amphur (district) of Laem Ngob. To go to these piers take one of the Songthaews in Trat. They can be easily found around the municipal market from as early as 6.00 am. The fare is about 30 Baht per person. Vehicle- carrying ferries and taxi or chartered boats are ready to take you to Koh Chang.

THA LAEM NGOB (LAEM NGOB PIER) - ALSO CALLED KROMALUANG CHUMPNORN PIER

This is the main pier at Laem Ngob. Ferries from this pier land at Tha Dan Kao (meaning Old Post Pier). The ferries depart every hour during the high season (November to April) and long weekends starting from 7.30 am till 5.00 pm. The frequency is less during other times of the year depending on the crowd, and the weather. However, you can expect a ferry to depart at least every 2 hours. Travelling time is about 30 to 45 minutes and the cost is 60 Baht for each return ticket and 150 Baht per vehicle inclusive of the driver.

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Other passengers in the same vehicle are charged 60 Baht per person. It is worth noting that all ferry fares should be the same no matter which pier you go to, a legacy of open competition! On arrival at Koh Chang you will find some Songthaews ready to take you to anywhere in Koh Chang. The fare ranges from 40,60 to 80 Baht per person depending on the distance. This applies to other piers as well.

As the main pier, Laem Ngob has a good supply of boats to different parts of Koh Chang and other islands especially Koh Wai, Koh Mak, and Koh Kham.

Taxi boats leave for Tha Dan Kao every hour during the high season from November to April and 5 times a day during the low season. There are taxi boats leaving for Tha Dan Mai (New Post pier) and Tha Than Mayom as well but with less frequency. Chartered boats are also available. Klong Yai Pier is where most of the boats dock. The boat belonging to the Kood Island Resort, for example, leaves at 6.30 am for a 1 ½-hour trip provided there are 10 passengers. Chartered boats are available at 12,000 baht one way at the Kalapangha Pier in Klong Yai. The Koh Kood Laguna departs at 7.00 am provided there are at least six passengers. The return trip is at 11.00 am.

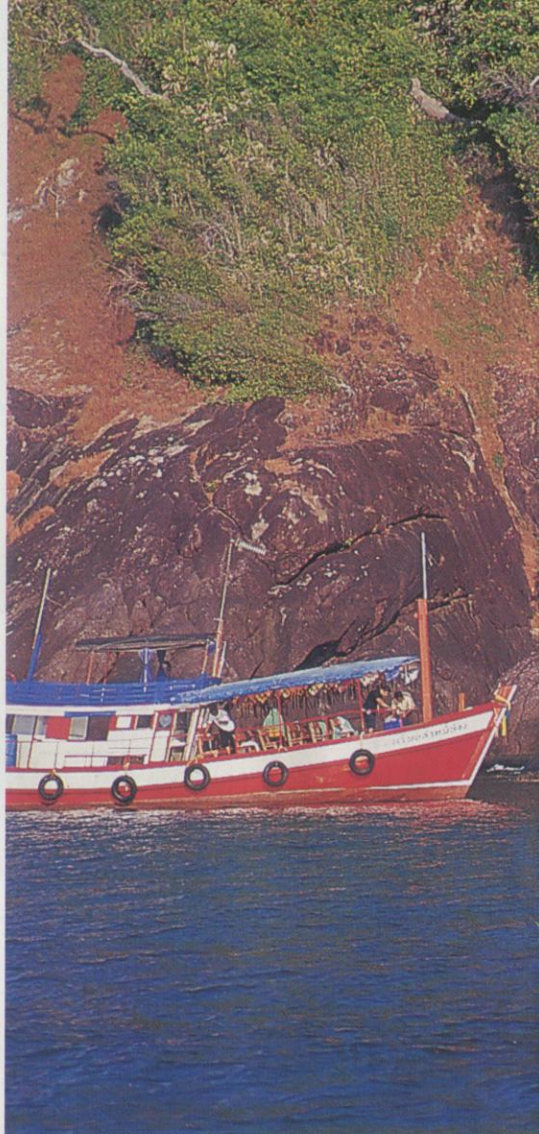
Boats to Koh Lao Ya leave the Krom Luang Chumporn Pier in Laem Ngob on Fridays and Sundays at 9.00 am. Travel time is two hours.

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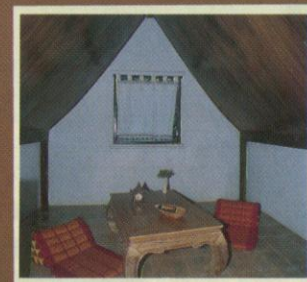
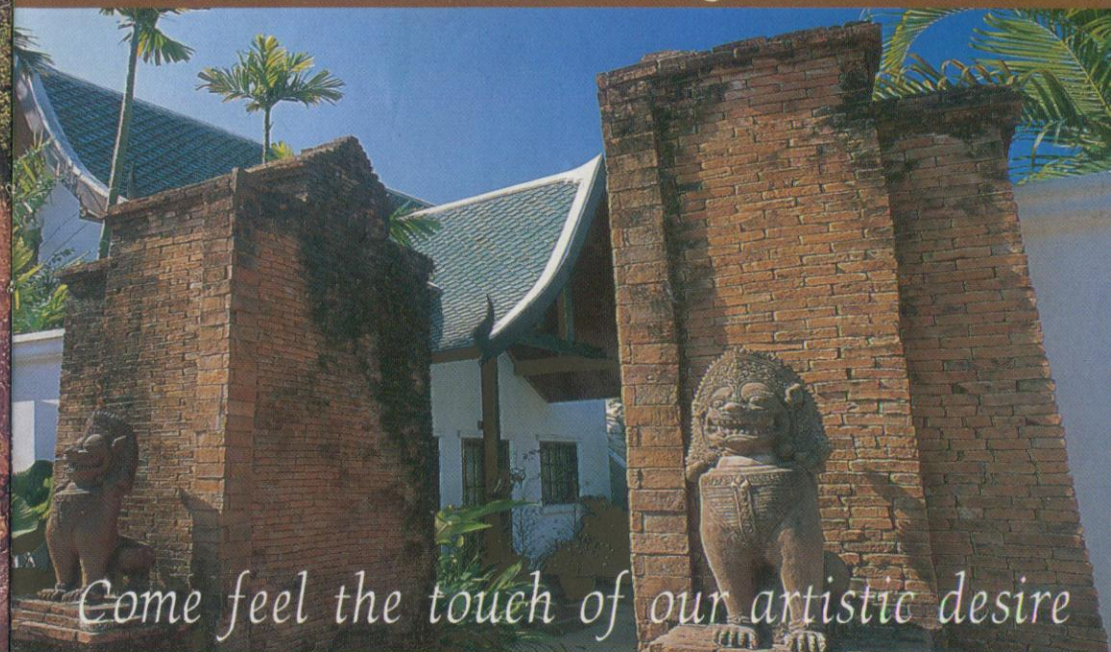
Tha Thammachat (Natural Pier) at Ao Thammachat (Natural Bay) serves regular daily ferry trips to Ao Sapparos from 6.30 hrs till 19.00 hrs departing every 30 minutes.

Ferry Koh Chang Tel : 039-597143 Koh Chang Ferry Tel : 039-528288

Ao Thammachat Pier	Time	Travelling Time
Mainland to Koh Chang (Ao Sapparos) One way 30 Baht	06.30, 07.00, 07.30, 08.00, 08.30, 09.00, 09.30, 10.00, 10.30 11.00, 11.30, 12.00, 12.30, 13.00, 13.30, 14.00, 14.30, 15.00 15.30, 16.00, 16.30, 17.00, 17.30, 18.00, 18.30, 19.00	25-30 Min Trip
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Tha Centre Point (Centre Point Pier)

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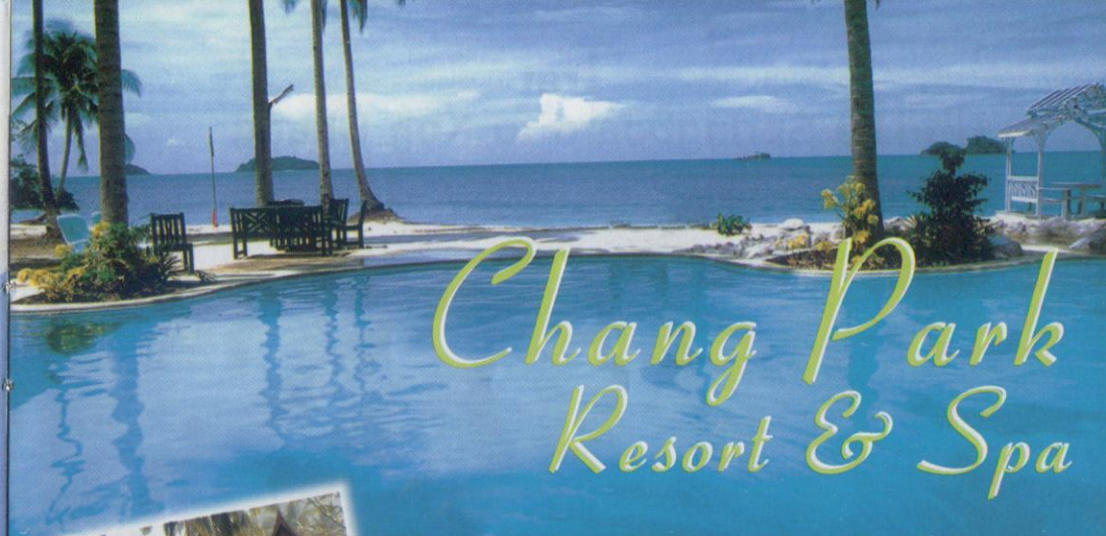
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Trat The Springboard to Koh Chang



GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

Thailand's easternmost province, Trat is sandwiched by 165-km mountain ranges on the east and 165-km coastlines on the west which face the Gulf of Thailand all the way down. The seaside town is blessed with 52 islands which scatter in the Gulf and naturally protect the mainland from prevailing wind. This explains why Trat has never been hit by storm despite rainfall several months in a year.

The southwestern monsoon from the Gulf brings rain to the Thai-Cambodian border province between May and October—the months when travelling to islands needs extra precautions. The weather turns cool and pleasant with sunshine between November and February, after which the temperature scales up to an average of 34 C. from March to April.

Located 315 km from Bangkok, Trat boasts a wealth of natural attractions including tropical jungles, rivers, beaches, waterfalls, mountains and islands. Its total area of 2,819 sq. km. embraces five districts—Muang, Khao Saming, Laem Ngob, Klong Yai and Bo Rai, and two sub-districts—Koh Chang and Koh Kood.

Trat is also a gem trading centre though the supply of local gem has been dwindling since the early 90s. After the discovery of rubies and sapphires in Bo Rai district in 1971, the small town 50km north of Trat has been swarmed by miners, dealers, sellers and buyers until the exhaustion of the natural resources two decades later. However there still are gem markets—Hua Thung, Baan Sa Yai and Nong Born to name just a few—where sellers and buyers meet from early in the morning till 10 am. Some smaller markets in Khao Saming district, 20km northwest of Trat, are open all day.

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Tourism Authority of Thailand

The TAT operates an office on Trat-Laem Ngob Road (Tel. 039-597-255, 039-597-259) to provide assistance and information to visitors.

Money and Banking

Bank services are between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm Mondays to Fridays except for the Krung Thai Bank which extends its service to 4.30 pm. All ATMs operate round the clock. Besides banks,

there are currency exchange booths which usually open from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm daily.

Post Office

The main postal office at Tha Rua Jang Road (Tel. 039-511-175) to the northeastern section of the town centre is open from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on weekdays and from 9.00 am to midday on weekends. The telecommunications office near the post office which opens daily from 7.00 am to 10.00 pm gives international phone and fax services. The other post office is in Laem Ngob (Tel. 039-597-240).

Immigration Office

There is no immigration office in Trat town centre. For visa extensions or other immigration matters, you must contact the offices in Klong Yai and Laem Ngob.



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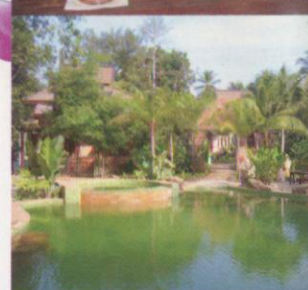
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Trat Places of Interests



Places of Interests

The Lak Muang is the shrine of the town's spirit. In Thailand Lak Muang is an important feature of any town as it also represents the central foundation of the society. In Trat, this is situated near the Wat Yothanimit. Trat's Lak Muang features a Chinese shag. The shrine was set up by King Taksin the Great while fighting for independence against the Burmese after the fall of Ayutthaya. The shrine is a revered property of the Trat people. It is said that during the French conquest of the region an order was issued by the French commander to have his people remove the pole of the shrine. Having failed to extract it off the ground an elephant was put to task but the pole only slanted and stood solidly on the ground until today.

Wat Yothanimit or Wat Bot was the temple where King Taksin's followers pledged their loyalty by drinking holy water. This is also the only royal temple in Trat. The mural painting on the main hall is an attractive display of Thai art during the Ayutthaya era.

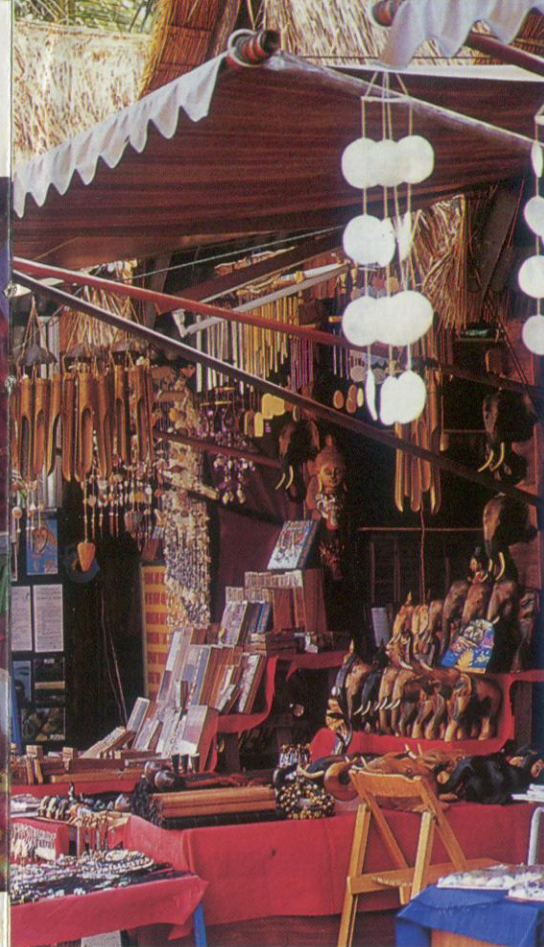
Laem Sok has its significance as the residence of Krom Luang Chumpornkhet Udomsak, the Father of the Royal Thai Navy. Of interests are the fishing villages at Laem Hin and Ao Cho.

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Wat Plai Klong (meaning temple at the end of canal) or more officially known as Wat Buppharam is situated in Moo 3 of Tambon Wangkrachae, two kms from inner Trat. It is the oldest temple in Trat. Built in 1652 this revered temple houses ashes of Lord Buddha, a variety of Buddha images and some age-old items of the past including an old Thai priest-house. The temple also houses a museum that records the cultural and trade relationship between Trat and the western powers.

Wat Saphan Hin (meaning temple of the stone bridge) is a century-old temple with a chapel in the middle of a pond. Access to the hall is made possible by two lines of stones.

AMPHOE KHAO SAMING : The Wat Muang Kao Saen Tum in Baan Khao Ta Moh is 38 kms from Amphoe Khao Saming. It is known for the dark-brown stones piled up and looks like a worship area. The stones sound like bells when knocked. It is believed that this site was built during pre-historic times.

AMPHOE KLONG YAI is the southernmost district of Trat and stretches along the Cambodian border. Its main attractions are the beaches such as the Sai Kaew Beach, the Sai Ngam Beach, the Samran or Mai Rood Beach, the Baan Chuen Beach and the Baan Hat Lek or Hat Lek Village which is a border community. It is the embarkation point for Koh Kong of Cambodia, which is known for its casino. The ferry ride to Koh Kong is 100 Baht per person or 800 Baht for a chartered trip.



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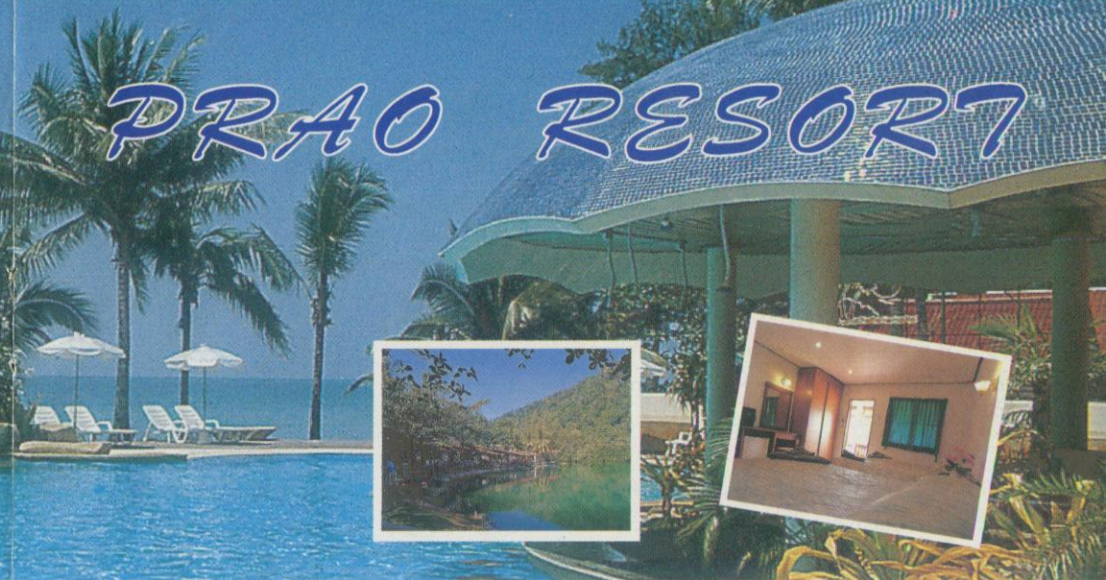
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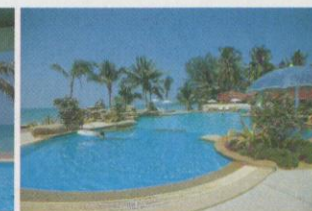
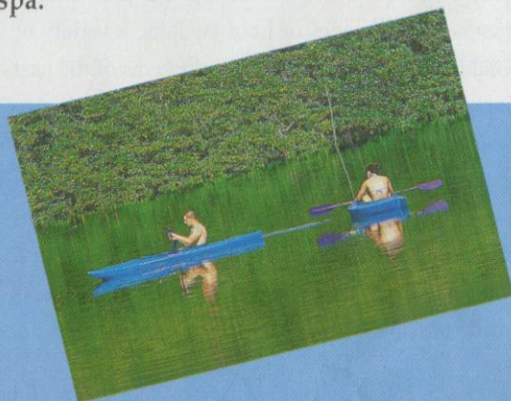
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Trat Places of Interests

AMPHOE LAEM NGOP is 17 kms from the municipal town of Trat. It is the spring-board to all the islands of the Koh Chang Marine National Park. All the three main piers servicing the islands are located in Laem Ngop (which means Ngop Cape). It is also an interesting place to shop for souvenirs, seafoods and other local food products like the popular Trat shrimp-paste, dried shrimps, fish sauce and the NGOP (a headwear).

The Ao Taan Ku (Taan Ku Bay) is another attraction of Laem Ngop. It is the first bay of Trat bordering Chantaburi in Tambon Bang Pid and boasts of beautiful beaches, foodstuffs and again the Ngop.

Ao Taan Ku is a favourite retreat for the locals. Its one kilometer beach is separated into 2 parts by a huge boulder. Its reddish sand beach with pebbles, clear waters and good food at reasonable prices continue to draw crowds especially during holiday seasons.

AMPHOE BORAI is famous for its gems markets and its Siamese Ruby which is world renowned for its clarity and pure red colour. The Hua Tung and the Song Yo are the major markets of the Borai community. Others are the Baan Nong Bon, Baan Sa Yai and Baan Ta Ngam. They open very early in the morning and finish off at 10.00 hrs. !!

Borai also has the Saladdai Waterfall located 7 kms from the 25th km milestone. It is right in the center of a rainforest.

Other places of interests include the Laem Klador, Lan Sai Beach, the Saphan Hin Waterfall and the Thai Red Cross Society's Khao Lan Center (also called Rachakaroon Center) which houses a



LOCAL PRODUCTS

Ngop Nam Chiao is a headgear made of bamboo and palm leaves worn by local agricultural workers. Ngop (in short term) comes in various shapes and sizes. Ngop can be purchased from Ban Ngop Nam Chiao, a community 8 kilometers south of the provincial capital along highway 3148 near Laem Ngop Pier. There, the villagers are specialists in making all types of Ngop. The village is also a good place to purchase local marine products, including dried shrimps, shrimp paste and fish sauce. Particularly famous is the shrimp paste because they are made purely from shrimps. Ordinary shrimp paste are made from shrimps mixed with some fish.



Rakam Wan or Sweet Rakam is a famous fruit of Trat. The fruit is very sweet when

ripe. Trat's Rakam is very famous among the Thais. Trat is also famous for other tropical fruits such as the rambutan, mangosteen, mango, durian, coconut and pineapple.

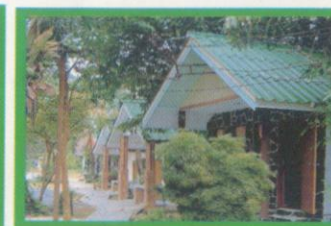
The Lang Aan Siamese Dog is probably Thailand's most famous breed. Lang Aan Dogs have short, silky and shiny hair. Its other characteristic is the whorl of hair at its back. Owners are proud of its distinctive features, fierceness, loyalty and intelligence. A well-bred Lang Aan Siamese Dog can catch up to 300,000 Baht.

Siamese Ruby : Trat is also famous for its precious stones, especially the Siamese Ruby, which is known for its distinct clarity and pure red colour. They are found in the Gems market of Borai District which opens only in the morning.

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First-time visitors to Koh Chang can expect a hard time deciding which way to proceed. The island is huge, mind you!

Koh Chang is the second largest island in Thailand after Phuket—the fact that surprises lots of people even local residents. Among the 52 islands in the Gulf of Thailand under the administration of Trat province, Koh Chang is the largest and plays host to 400,000 visitors annually, 25% of them foreign tourists from Germany, Britain, Japan, South Korea, Australia and Hong Kong.

Lined with beaches on both sides of the island, most of the accommodation is however on the west coast which has better beaches and clearer sea water. To the west of the island are the beaches of Klong Son, White Sand, Klong Prao, Kai Bae, Bai Lan, Tha Nam (Lonely Beach) and Bang Bao. While development spreads on the western side of the island, the east coast is less changing.

Klong Son Beach

Klong Son Beach at the northern tip of Koh Chang is the first beach on the right after you disembark at the ferry pier. The half-moon beach, or bay to be more precise, is scenic with a cape and a long stretch of sandy beach with lots of coconut trees. Klong Son is dominated by the luxurious *Aiyapura Resort & Spa* which perched on a hillside overlooking the sea. If swimming on a flat landscape is too boring for you, the two islets of Koh Chang Noi and Koh Ma Pring opposite the Aiyapura can be delightful sights.



White Sand Beach (Had Sai Khao)

White Sand Beach (Had Sai Khao), a long strip with powdery sand, slopes gently into the sea. The beachfront becomes much wider during low tide and consequently attracts lots of beachgoers. Many tourists choose to take a stroll while watching the sunset. Some athletic visitors transform the beaches into sport grounds for football, volleyball and Frisbee games. Located on the northernmost of the beach is the *White Sand Beach Resort* which has 104 bungalows, some of them less than 10 steps from the beach. The stretch of peaceful beach in front of this resort is 680-metre long. Descending from the hill as you reach the White Sand Beach is the *KC Grande Resort* which has a nice restaurant overlooking its beach. All villas at the resort have private balconies to sit back, relax and savour the picturesque view of the sea.

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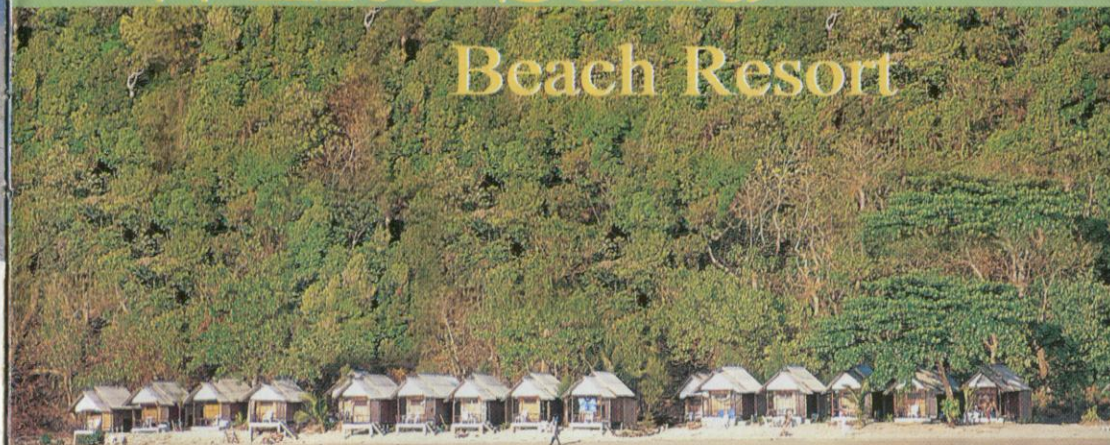
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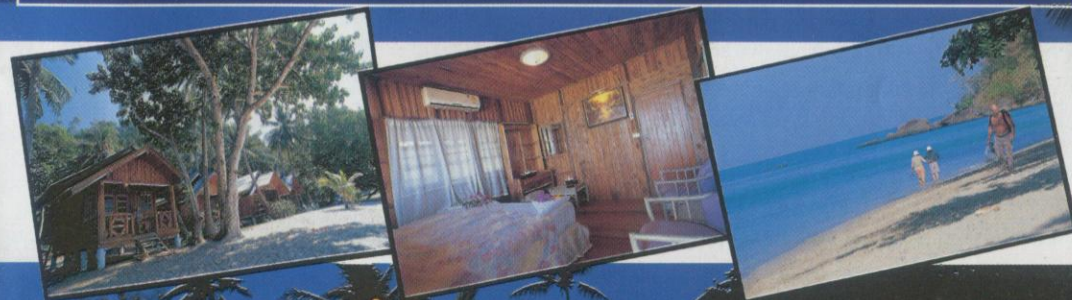
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Beaches and Beyond



The busiest section on Koh Chang, White Sand Beach is full of bungalows and resorts which offer basic amenities combining peace and comfort for the visiting tourist. Along the main road are various shops, bars, pubs, restaurants, tour operators, vehicle rentals, minimarts, a police kiosk, foreign exchange counters and ATMs and a shopping plaza. Four full-service banks in the area are the *Siam Commercial Bank* at the entrance of the White Sand Plaza, Bank of Ayutthaya, Thai Military Bank (both near Cookies Hotel) and Siam City Bank opposite Alina Resort. Also located here is the *Koh Chang International Clinic*, under the supervision of the Bangkok Trad Hospital.

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A wide variety of accommodation on White Sand Beach ranges from the basic thatched-roof huts to the luxurious units with air-con, fridge, hot water and TV.

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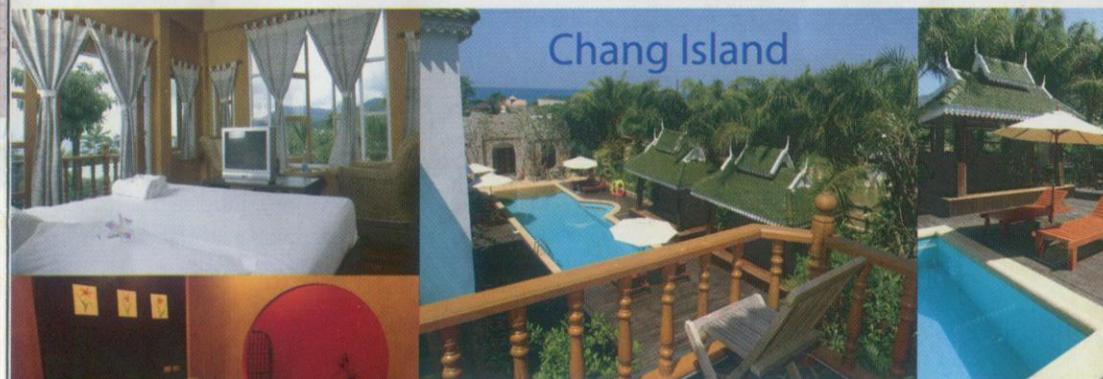
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One of the gorgeous complexes, yet compact in size, is the centrally-located *Ban Thai Resort* which shelters 11 meticulously-decorated rooms, all with air-cons, satellite TVs and fridges. At the extreme end of White Sand Beach is the *Plaloma Cliff Resort* which has seafront bungalows and cliff view rooms set in a spacious tropical garden that extends to the beach. Koh Chang Lagoon Resort right in "downtown" is sandwiched by the best of both worlds—the captivating beach and the convenient main road. The Koh Chang Hillside Hotel is a luxurious resort set on an Orchard hill. The Oriental-style accommodation and its swimming pool are developed to fit into its natural environment. At the southern end of White Sand Beach is *Keereeta Resort*, a 17-room hotel with a swimming pool in the middle. Every semi-roofless and creatively-designed bathroom enables you to gaze the stars while taking your evening shower. There are roof decks to watch the sunset.

About 50 metres further down from Keereeta is the *Jane Chalet Resort* on the hillside of Kai Mook or Pearl Beach. Round white stones, similar to those you see in an aquarium or a Japanese garden, are the creation of nature that beautify this beach. The resort has 20 VIP houses, all built from natural materials. A panoramic view of the sea from here is second to none.



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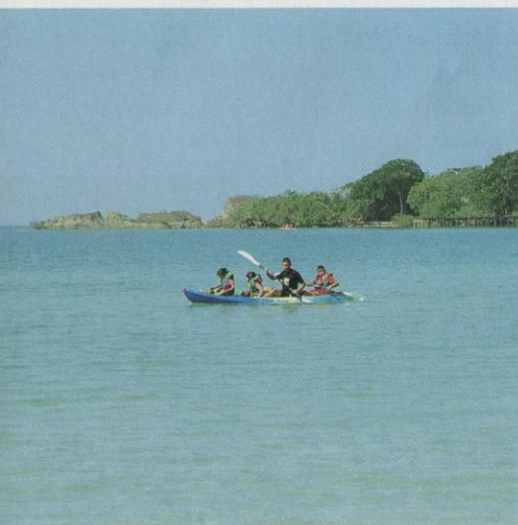
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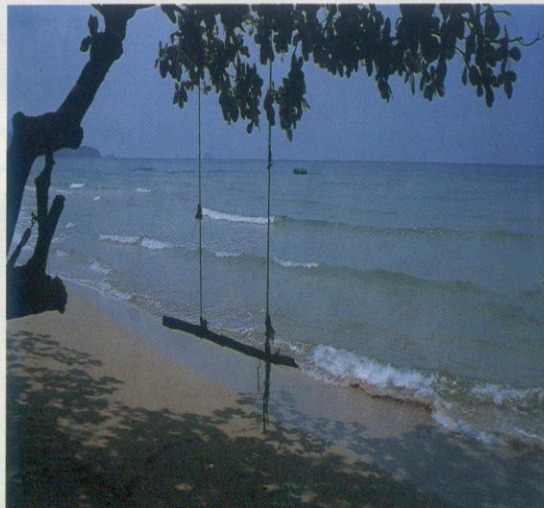
Laem Chaichet

Laem Chaichet, which sits between White Sand and Klong Prao beaches is an ideal spot for onshore fishing or to watch the sunset. The fishing pier near Laem (cape) Chaichet also serves as a perfect viewpoint for the entire Klong Prao Bay. Late in the afternoon, villagers are seen walking on the shallow seabed scooping up tiny shrimps as ingredient for the famous Koh Chang shrimp paste.

Klong Prao Beach

Klong Prao Beach begins from the gently curving Laem Chaichet. The cove of sandy beach lined with coconut trees is ideal for swimming. This is another strip where resorts have sprouted like mushrooms. Almost straddling White Sand Beach and Klong Prao Beach is the 18-unit *Remark Cottage* built from natural material that blends with its secluded environment.

The *Koh Chang Paradise Resort* on the northern side of the Klong Prao enjoys the blessing of 260-metre beach and clear water. The *Boutique Resort & Health Spa* within walking distance from Laem Chaichet has 11 thatched bungalows, each providing unbleached towels and aromatherapy products. The resort is outstanding for its traditional Thai spa and massage by well-trained practitioners. The upmarket *Koh Chang Resort & Spa* provides packages for three days and two nights including meals and round-trip transfer from Bangkok. The luxurious *Klong Prao Resort* has cottage-styled rooms of different sizes, bungalows around a lagoon, VIP rooms by the pool and beach and a conference room for up to 200 people. Its long and wide beach is ideal for a leisurely walk or athletic activities. Next to the *Klong Prao Resort* is the *Ramayana Koh Chang Resort* which has 64 luxurious villas. Another pleasant hideaway is the *Panviman Koh Chang Resort* which has unique Asian architecture featuring three-tiered roof of reddish brown tiles. In addition to its trendy swimming pool, there are Jacuzzi and sauna. The 50-villa resort has been successful in attracting European travellers who usually spend 7-20 nights there. The Balinese-style thatched-roof villas of *Koh Chang Tropicana* and the 39 boutique-style villas at *Barali Beach Resort* next door are two other luxurious accommodation on this strip of beach. The *Magic Resort* on Klong Prao Beach has bungalows for up to four persons but larger ones sleep up to five. The pride of Magic is its beachfront restaurant built over a bay.



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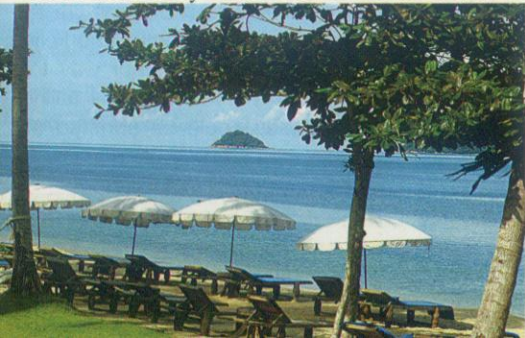


Beaches and Beyond

Kai Bae Beach

Kai Bae Beach next to Klong Prao is another perfect spot on the west coast to watch the spectacular sunset with dotted islands on the foreground. Some islands are so close that you may be tempted to wade the sea to reach them. The good news is it's not totally impossible to do that! At low tide, you can walk at chest-deep level to Koh Man Nai from the beach at the *Sea View Resort & Spa*. The upmarket *Sea View Resort & Spa* has a spacious beach and is closest to Koh Man Nai. Its cliff top reception and restaurant is a great view point by itself. Near the entrance of the resort is a public viewpoint where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the sunset.

Dive shops in front of the Kai Bae Hut have boats, canoes, sea kayaks and diving gears for the exploration of surrounding sea and islands. During the dry season, dive trips and instruction are also available. Once sleepy, Kai Bae has become developed with the emergence of new upscale resorts. The *Koh Chang Cliff Beach Resort* is one of the testimonials of the delightful development. The 33-room resort which gives a spectacular view of the Gulf of Thailand from a cliff is sparsely laid out in a lush tropical garden. The *Chang Park Resort & Spa* has a well-landscaped garden with a pool by the seaside. Sharing the same ownership with Centre Point Ferry, the resort runs regular promotions with bonus return ferry transfer for the car and driver.



Tha Nam Beach

Tha Nam Beach is a small stretch south of Kai Bae. Tha Nam (Pier) Beach is however called the Lonely Beach on the tourist brochures. Visitors could have passed the tiny beach without noticing but it has become less and less lonely these days.

Bang Bao Beach



Bang Bao Beach on the southwestern tip is in a fishing community where residents still lives in houses built on stilts. Houses are connected by wooden bridges. There is a growing number of tourist shops, scuba dive outlets and seafood restaurants. Amidst a grove of coconut trees, new bungalows are rising.

Getting to Bang Bao is challenging as the southward road from Tha Nam is steep and winding. The *Bhumiyama Beach Resort* has 45 rooms with air-con and hot water. A multi-level swimming pool and Jacuzzi beneath the swaying private sun deck are its pride.

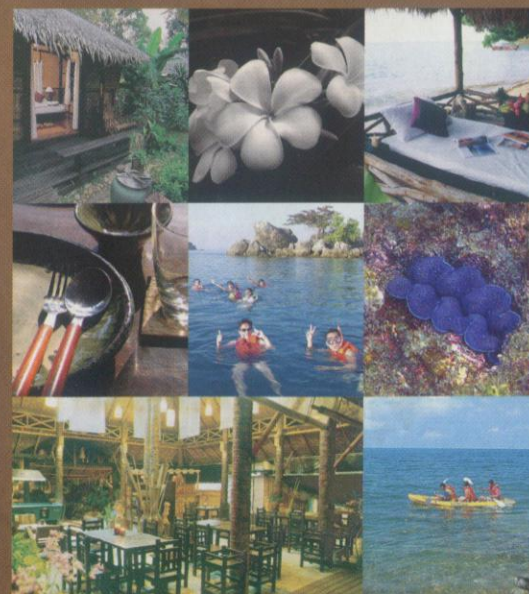
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Salakphet Beach

Salakphet Beach on the southeastern tip is, similar to Bang Bao, in a fishing village. Distancewise Salakphet is close to Bang Bao but the stretch of three-km ring road linking the west and east coasts has yet to be completed. Salakphet and nearby Ban Rong Than are two biggest communities on Koh Chang. Both are ideal shelters for fishing boats and there are many piers for the fishing boats as well as boats to nearby islands and Laem Ngob in Trat. Salakphet is a genuine fishing village worth visiting. The *Salakphet Seafood and Resort* has fresh seafood and its accommodation is clean. Rong Than village on the west of the bay is the main residential area for the community. A monastery known as Atulaporn Banpot and the Salakphet Temple are religious rendezvous for the locals.

Than Mayom Beach

Than Mayom Beach on the eastern side is scattered with rocks and the seafront is muddy. It is however one of the suitable spots to watch sunrise particularly at the end of the pier which stretches into the sea. The headquarters of Koh Chang National Marine Park is located in nearby area close to Than Mayom Waterfall.

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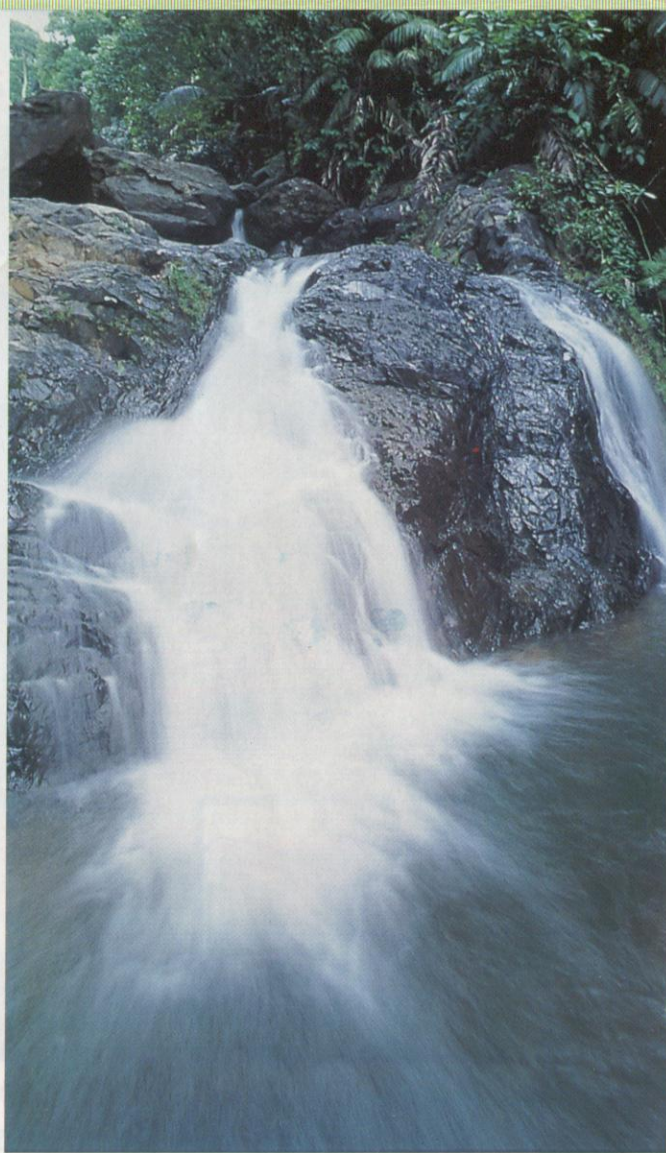


Waterfalls On Koh Chang

Apart from beaches, the mountainous landscape of fertile rainforests and steep terrain of Koh Chang National Marine Park create some scenic waterfalls. The followings are frequently visited by tourists and locals. There is an entrance fee of 200 baht for adult and 100 baht for child above three years old.

Than Mayom Waterfall

Than Mayom Waterfall: The most famous waterfall on Koh Chang, it is located next to Than Mayom pier with its entrance just behind the headquarters of the national marine park. A 400-metre walk leads you to the waterfall. Than Mayom is a four-level medium-sized waterfall set in a fertile rainforest that flows year-round forming a large pool at its front. It is a source of fresh water for local consumption. Climbing for about 45 minutes and you'll find two stones with inscriptions bearing the initials of King Rama VI and King Rama VII. Another inscribed stone with the initial of King Rama V is on the third waterfall.



Camping at Than Mayom is safe as the office of the national park is nearby. You may bring your own tents or rent from the park office at 200 to 500 baht depending on the size. Swimming is allowed and being greeted by sunrise as you wake up is a real treat. Restrooms and food stalls are available.

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Waterfalls On Koh Chang



Klong Plu Waterfall

Klong Plu Waterfall: One of the most favourable and best-known waterfalls, Klong Plu is close to Klong Prao and Kai Bae beaches. Heading three km southward from Klong Prao along the main road, you will reach the waterfall signboard on the left. Turn left, follow the sign for two km and you'll find a ticket kiosk to pay the entrance fee. Walk along a well-marked footpath for only 20 minutes or about 400 metres past countless species of vegetation, birds and giant trees, and you'll encounter a spectacular view of the vertical waterfall.

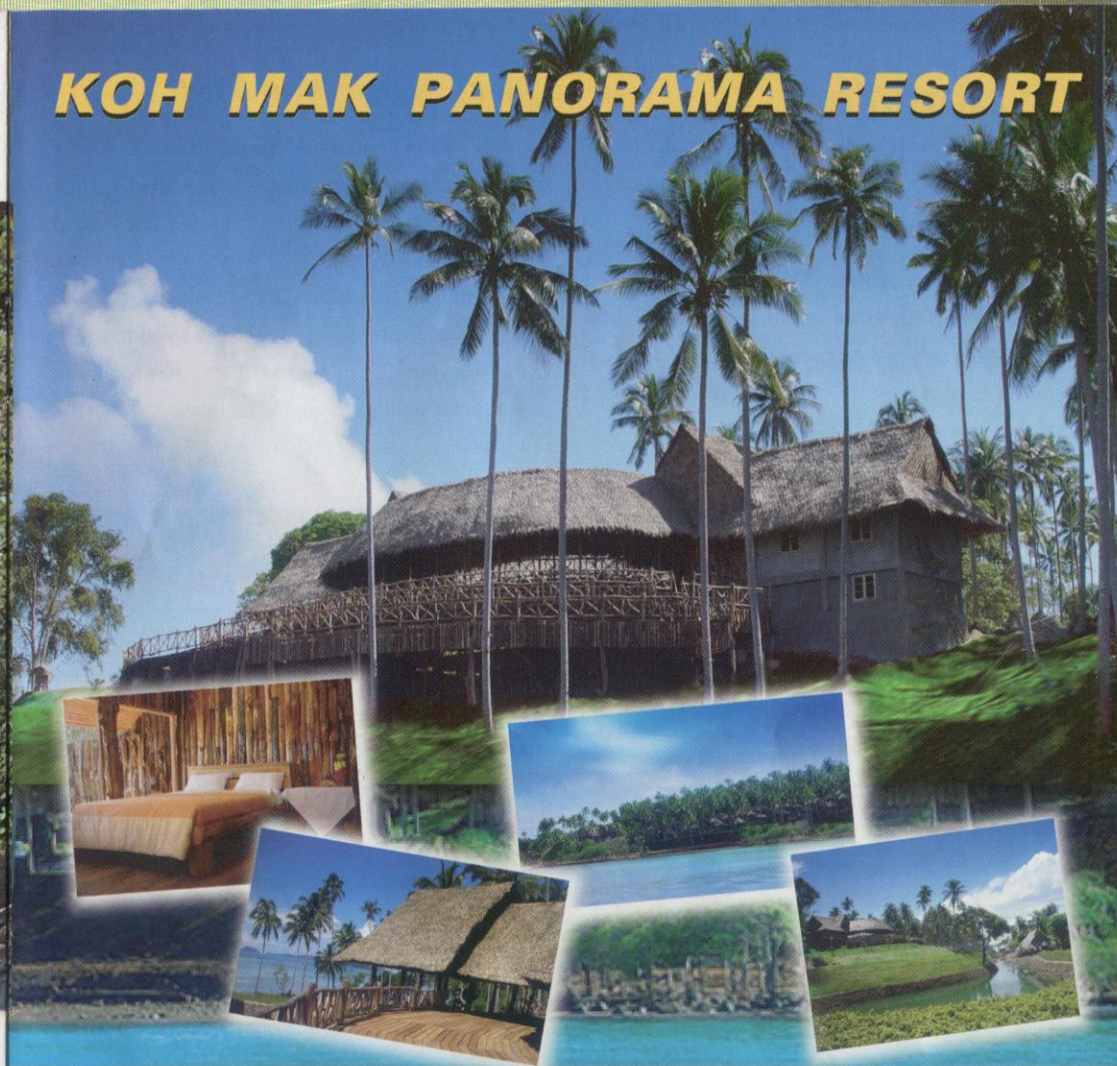
This is a three-level waterfall which has served as an important source of fresh water for the islands. Historically King Rama V visited Klong Plu twice. Most visitors stay at the first level which is already a breath-taking sight. Walking to the second and third levels should be guided by park officials as the path is slippery and too far to reach. Swimming and camping are allowed.

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Waterfalls On Koh Chang

Klong Nonsi Waterfall

Klong Nonsi Waterfall: Located northernmost of Koh Chang, Nonsi is a small-sized waterfall with several cascades. It is about four km from the headquarters of the island marine park at Than Mayom. A one-hour, three-km path from Ban Dan Mai near Koh Chang police station leads to this waterfall.

Kiripet Waterfall

Kiripet Waterfall: Two kms from the southern fishing village of Salakpet, it is a medium-sized waterfall. During dry season, it is possible to climb up to the seventh level of Kiripet. Although not very large, the waterfall flows year-round. There is a pool at the first level. Swimming is possible but it is advisable to check the water current especially during rainy season. Hikers should wear studded shoes and avoid climbing on slippery rocks up the levels during rainy season. Rangers from nearby Salakpet Forestry Office can lend a helping hand if you request. If you are driving, you can park your car in the rubber plantation within the waterfall vicinity and take a 15-minute walk.



Klong Nueng Waterfall

Klong Nueng Waterfall: Situated not far from Kiripet, the tallest waterfall is another challenge to reach and definitely rewarding. The chest-deep pond is suitable for a cool dip after a one-hour hike. A huge boulder stands between you and the waterfall which you need to climb over before you reach it. Once you get there, you will exhilarate at the magnificent sight of foamy water gushing down the ravine.

Other Activities



If you want to take a break from the beach, a wide range of activities are waiting for you both on shore and inland.

The Shrine of Chao Po Koh Chang

On arrival at Ao Sapparos and while on the way up a steep road leading to the west coast, not too far from the pier, you will see the shrine of Chao Po & Chao Mae Koh Chang on the right. This is a highly revered shrine for both the locals and visitors. Chao Po Koh Chang (literally Godfather of Koh Chang) has been a saviour to the Khon Kard (the original name of Trat people) for generations. In the past, when seafaring depends solely on sails with no support or help from the state, fishermen who often find themselves facing a strong monsoon,

in desperation, and lost, seek faith and guidance from Chao Po Koh Chang. Amazing stories of answered prayers spread and Khon Kard had since been piously praying to Chao Po Koh Chang when encountering low yield from their harvest, sickness or other miseries. Those on the mainland will pray with joss sticks in the direction of the shrine.

Hiking

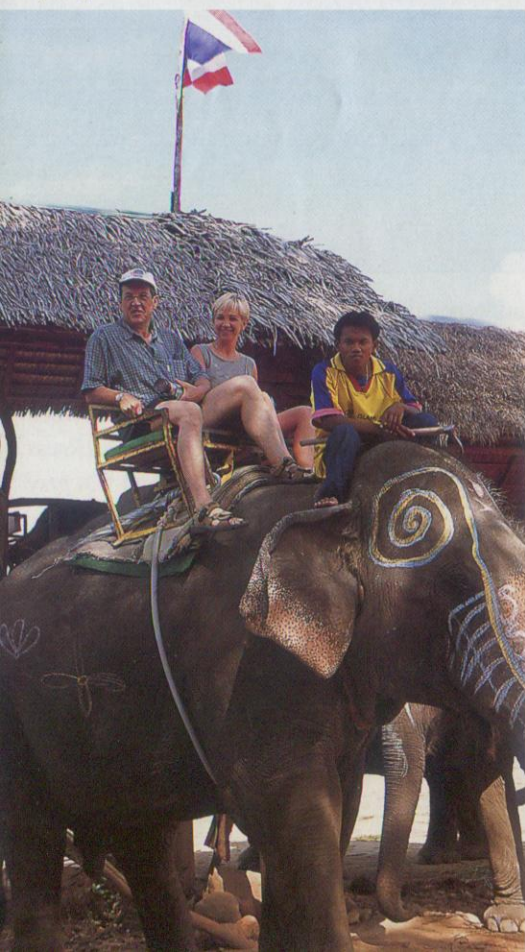
The main road west of Koh Chang from Klong Son to Kai Bae is a popular route. Hiking between the two beach strips is a challenging experience. The terrains in some coconut groves and rubber plantations are steep. Shorter hikes to waterfalls from their main entrances are gaining popularity.



Other Activities

Elephant Trekking

Elephant Trekking: There are two elephant trekking operators on Koh Chang. The *Chang Chutiman Tour* (Tel. 09 939 6676, 07 135 7424) near Klong Prao Beach operates two-hour treks for 900 Baht, children under five years old free of charge, that take you into the tropical rainforest, pomelo orchard and the secluded Wang Nam Kiew Waterfall where you can relax, picnic, swim in the pond and enjoy the environment. Elephant-handling lessons by experienced mahouts is available.

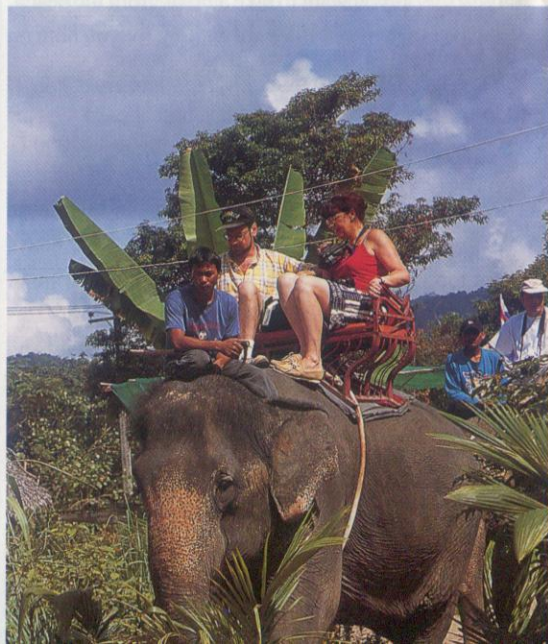


During harvest seasons in August/September and March/April, visitors are allowed to pick ripe pomelos from the trees compliment of Mr Chutiman. On return your mahout will lead the elephant to another track to give a different exposure to the wild vegetation, giant trees and wildlife. Cold drinks and coffee are served as you refresh back at the camp. If you don't have the pleasure of time, you can still experience the thrill of a one-hour trek (500 baht) short of the waterfall fun. Open daily from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, you can start your tour any time of the day.

The Klong Son Elephant Camp or Ban Kwan Chang, supported by the Asian Elephant Foundation, operates half-day tours from 8.30 am to 11.30 am which include elephant bathing, feeding and performances, and a 1 1/2 -hour trek into the forest. The cost is 900 baht inclusive of transportation to and from resort, your drinking water, and bananas and coconuts to feed the elephants.

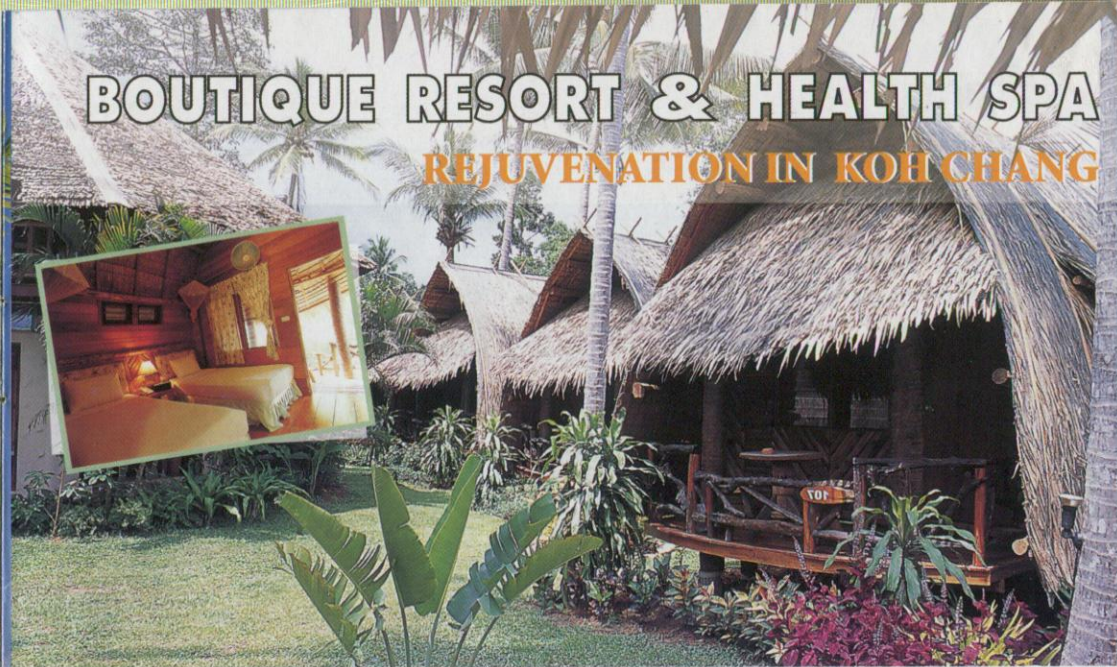
A smaller program at 1.00 pm include a 35-minute trek and a 15-minute performance. Fare is 450 baht inclusive of transportation.

One of the latest attractions is the Koh Chang Monkey School (Tel. 01 928 8661) at White Sand Beach. Showtimes are 10.00-11.00 am, 2.00-3.00 pm and 4.00-5.00 pm.



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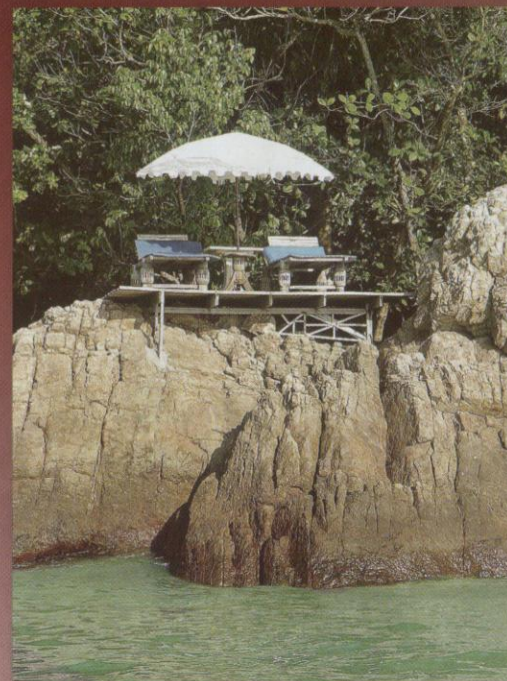


Speedboats

Speedboats: The Kai Bae Hut Shop organizes four-island packages to Koh Yak, Koh Kra, Koh Rang, Koh Wai at 700 baht per person inclusive of lunch boxes, fruits, drinks and snorkelling equipments. The full-day trip usually begins at 9.00 am and ends before 5.00 pm in time for you to freshen up before dinner. A speedboat can normally take 15 people at the maximum and fishing gears can be rented at 200 baht a day, not including hooks and weights. You may charter a boat for 7,000 baht. Similar three-island trips to Koh Kood, Koh Mak and Koh Kham cost 1,500 baht per person or 15,000 baht a charter.

Advance booking is necessary. A smaller excursion to Koh Yuak is available at only 200 baht per person. The Klong Prao Resort offers chartered speedboat trips to Koh Yuak at 2,500 baht or a four-island package at 8,000 baht. There are some resorts on other islands such as Koh Kood, Koh Mak and Koh Ngam that include boat trips on their package rates.

For the coastlines, try paddling canoes which costs only 100 baht an hour or about 500 baht a day. Canoes can be found along the beaches and some resorts. Triyaks at Kai Bae Hut Shop cost 150 baht per hour or 100 baht per hour for two.



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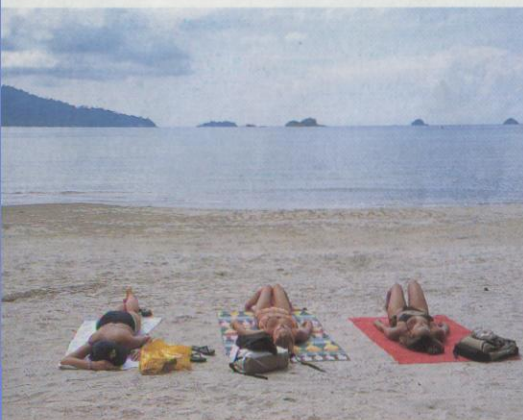
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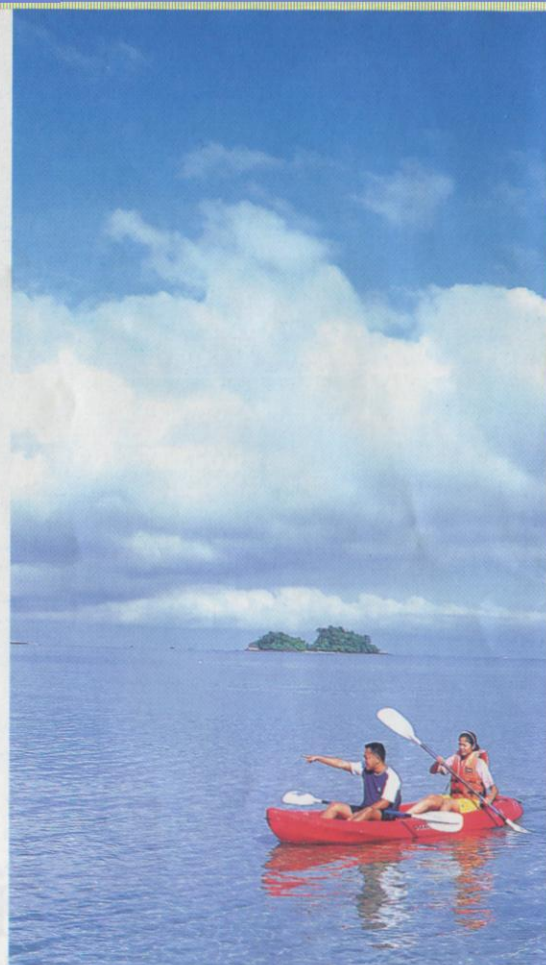
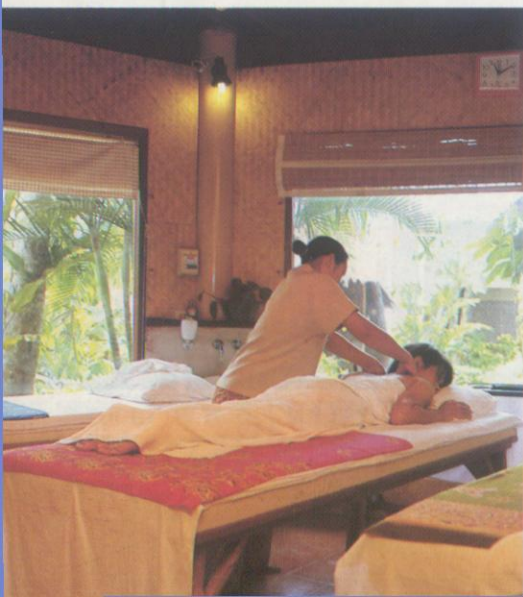


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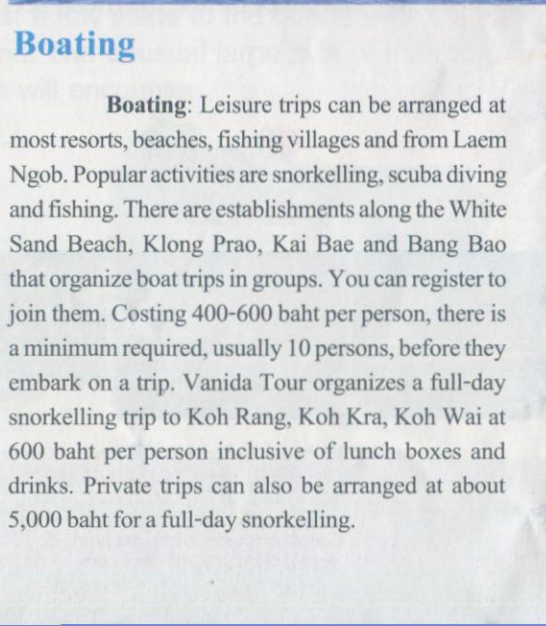
Massage

Massage: Along the beaches you may find some experienced masseuses who are ready to add pleasure to your vacation. A soothing one-hour massage on the beach cost around 200 baht. There are several massage parlours along the main road. The massage parlour in the compound of the *Boutique Resort and Health Spa* is one the examples of professional massages offering rejuvenating treatments with herbs and Thai massage.



Boating

Boating: Leisure trips can be arranged at most resorts, beaches, fishing villages and from Laem Ngob. Popular activities are snorkelling, scuba diving and fishing. There are establishments along the White Sand Beach, Klong Prao, Kai Bae and Bang Bao that organize boat trips in groups. You can register to join them. Costing 400-600 baht per person, there is a minimum required, usually 10 persons, before they embark on a trip. Vanida Tour organizes a full-day snorkelling trip to Koh Rang, Koh Kra, Koh Wai at 600 baht per person inclusive of lunch boxes and drinks. Private trips can also be arranged at about 5,000 baht for a full-day snorkelling.



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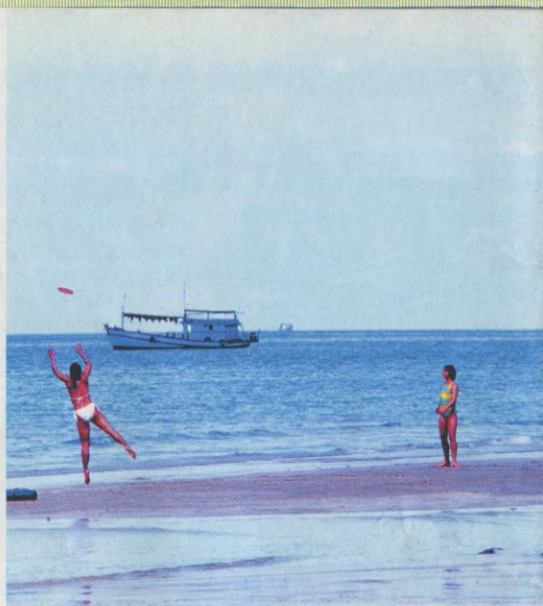
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Other Activities

Snorkelling & Diving

Snorkelling & Diving: Koh Chang National Marine Park offers some of the most delightful dive and snorkelling sites. The best diving season is between October/November and April. The best sites are on the west and south where the abundance of multicoloured, healthy and unspoilt corals and the great diversity of fish are the main attractions. In addition to the popular sites around Koh Chang, there are two wreck dive sites. The Koh Chang Wreck is a Thai warship sunken by the French navy.



The wreck lies in a shallow waters near Salakphet Bay, south of the island. The other one is the Pak One Wreck which sank after hitting the coral reef in August 1996 on its way to Vietnam and resurfaced almost eight years later. The 900-tonned sunken tanker drifted bow-upwards into international waters posing danger to passing ships. The Royal Thai Navy had drained off its 600 tonnes of liquefied petroleum gas and resank it between Koh Chang and Koh Samet. It now lies horizontally in 35-metre-deep waters.

There are a few diving centres on Koh Chang such as the Dive Adventure in Bang Bao which offers liveaboard dives to Cambodia and some prime sites. Others include the Koh Chang Dive Center on Kai Bae Beach and Paradise Scuba Divers at the Klong Prao Resort. A couple of dive centers operate out of Koh Mak.

Boat trips to various dive sites range from 1,300 to 2,000 baht depending on distances. A snorkelling trip, about 650 baht, may include two dives, full equipment, transportation, food, drinks and a divemaster.

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